

Chief justices at law graduation

Two chief justices will address the 103rd annual University School of Law Commencement this Sunday.

Alfred "Ted" Goodwin, chief judge of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, Calif., will deliver the commencement address and join Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwin Peterson in receiving Meritorious Service awards.

The ceremony honoring 165 graduates will begin at 1 p.m. in the Silva Concert Hall at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

University President Paul Olum will confer the degrees. David Schuman, an assistant law professor, will be Commencement Marshal.

Goodwin will address the graduates on the topic of his choosing. The graduating students elected Goodwin as this year's speaker.

During the ceremony, the law school faculty will present Meritorious Service Awards to Goodwin and Peterson. This annual award is given in recognition of outstanding service to the administration of justice and legal education in Oregon.

"Chief Justice Peterson's abilities and achievements have taken him to the summit of the judiciary in this state, and Chief Judge Goodwin holds the highest position in the federal judiciary in this part of the country," said Maurice Holland, law dean.

"The faculty, students and alumni take

enormous pride in the accomplishments of these two fine jurists," he said.

Goodwin, a federal appeals court judge since 1971, took over as chief judge in 1988. The 9th Circuit includes nine Western states, Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Goodwin, 65, was reared in Prineville, Ore., and attended the University before joining the U.S. Army during World War II. He served three years before returning to Eugene.

He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University in 1947. He worked his way through law school as a part-time reporter and copy editor for The Register-Guard from 1947 to 1950, earning his law degree in 1951, Order of the Coif.

Goodwin worked as a lawyer in Eugene and was appointed a Lane County Circuit Court judge in 1955. Five years later, he was appointed to the state Supreme Court, where he served until then-President Richard Nixon appointed him a U.S. District Court judge in Portland in 1969. He was appointed to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in December 1971.

Goodwin received the Distinguished Service Award from the University in 1972 and an honorary degree from the Lewis and Clark College of Law in Portland in 1976.

Peterson was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court in 1979 and elected to the bench the following year. He became chief justice in September of 1983.

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Recycling bills pass Oregon Senate

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SALEM — Following the recent trend of environmental awareness, the Oregon Senate

Legislative Update

Thursday passed two bills that would enhance the state's recycling programs.

Senate Bill 1083, sponsored by Sen. Joyce Cohen (D-Lake Oswego), breezed through on a 29-0 vote. The bill, which is now headed for the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, would upgrade the state's plastic recycling program.

The bill would give tax credits to manufacturers who use reclaimed plastic, or who purchase property, equipment or machinery to recycle plastic. Reclaimed plastic, as defined

in SB1083, includes shredded, regrind or pellet plastic manufactured in Oregon.

Sen. Cohen said the bill would conserve resources as well as increasing industry in the state.

"This (SB1083) will encourage the start of a whole new industry in Oregon," she said. "The potential is enormous."

Cohen added the tax credits were necessary to help manufacturers meet the challenges of the plastic industry, and because "(plastic recycling) technology is not cheap."

The other recycling bill, Senate Bill 3305, easily passed 23-7. SB3305, sponsored by Rep. Phil Keisling (D-Portland) at the request of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, passed the House 48-11, April 17, and will now go to a conference committee to iron out differences between the House and Senate.

If signed into law, the bill

would go into effect Jan. 1. It would prohibit the disposal of lead-acid batteries, which are commonly used in automobiles and farm equipment. People wishing to dispose of the batteries would have to take them to either a dealer, authorized recycling or collection agency or a permitted lead smelter.

In addition, lead-acid battery dealers would be required to accept used batteries of all kinds until 1995. After that date, dealers would only be required to accept the same types of batteries they sell.

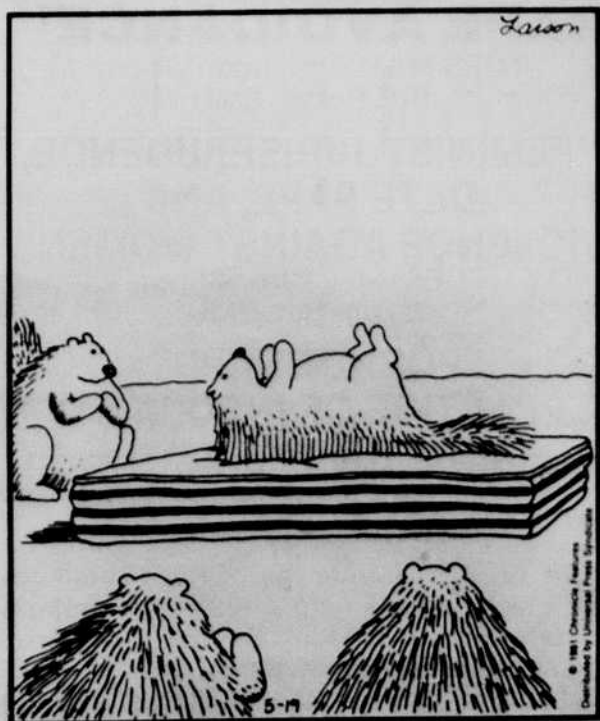
Sen. Wayne Fawbush (D-Hood River), the bill's floor manager, said the bill was another step toward helping clean up the environment.

"We need to encourage the rounding up of these batteries," Fawbush said.

Sen. Jim Bunn (R-McMinnville) called the bill a "painless way to get rid of an environmental problem."

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